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SUBJ: CIVAIR: EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO EXTEND US-CZECHOSLOVAK AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF : (A) PRAGUE 2233, (B) PRAGUE 2036, (C) PRAGUE 1934

1. SUMMARY: GOC WANTS TO EXCHANGE NOTES AT 1100 ON
12 AUGUST 1977 TO EXTEND THE US-CZECHOSLOVAK AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATE DEPT
VIEWS RE EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

2. ZEMLA, DEPUTY HEAD OF MFA'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT, TOLD
CHARGE FROWICK AUGUST 10 THAT GOC WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FORMEEL
EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN USG AND GOC AT FORMAL SIGNING
CEREMONY IN MFA AT 1100 ON AUG 12, 1977. HE SAID THAT
CZECHOSLOVAK NOTE WILL BE SIGNED BY MILOS VEJVODA, DEPUTY
MINISTER OF THE MFA AND SUGGESTED U.S. NOTE BE SIGNED BY
CHARGE FROWICK. HE SAID SIGNING CEREMONY WILL ALSO BE
ATTENDED BY HIMSELF AND THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE SIXTH
DEPARTMENT, NOVOTNY. HE SAID GOC WILL ISSUE SMALL PRESS
RELEASE AFTER SIGNING. WE SUSPECT SIGNING CEREMONY WILL
HAVE TELEVISION COVERAGE.

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3. IN REGARD TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE RE THE CURRENCY
ALLOCATION PROBLEMS FOR THE PAN AM PRAGUE-DAMASCUS
ROUTE, REFTEL B, ZEMLA SAID THAT PROBLEM WAS A
CZECHOSLOVAK BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEM AND HE ASSURED
FROWICK TWICE THAT IT WOULD BE STRAIGHTENED OUT IN
NEAR FUTURE SO THAT THE SITUATION WILL BE CORRECTED.

4. ZEMLA STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF SIGNING VEJVODA
WOULD GIVE THE FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT: "THE
CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS BEST TO SEE THAT
CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES FULFILLS THE TWO-YEWW YELES
QUOTE
OBJECTIVE

FOR INTERLINE SALES MENTIONED IN
THE UNITED STATES NOTE." HE ASKED THAT AT THE
TIME OF SIGNING FROWICK GIVE THE FOLLOWING STATE-
MENT: "IN THE CASE OF AN UNEXPECTED OR EXTRA-
ORDINARY DEVELOPMENT, SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE
AGREED SALES QUOTA OBJECTIVES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WILL NOT BE OPPOSED TO THEIR
REVISION." COMMENT: THESE TWO STATEMENTS CONFORM
TO OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS (PARA 4C, PRAGUE 1378)
AND APPEAR TO US TO CAUSE NO PROBLEM.

5. ZEMLA SHOWED FROWICK DRAFT OF CZECHOSLOVAK
FQWRE, WHICH EXACTLY LIKE U.S. NOTE EXCEPT THAT
FOLLOWING IS ADDED AS SECOND LAST PARAGRAPH: " S
HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING
UNDERSTANDINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC." COMPLETE TEXT
OF U.S. NOTE BEING SENT SEPTEL, REF A.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD ACCEPT ZEMLA'S ORAL
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ASSURANCES THAT PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED RE ALLOCATION
OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS FOR PRAGUE-DAMASCUS
RUN AND PROCEED WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON
AUGUST 12, 1977. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT VIEWS
BEFORE 1600 PRAGUE TIME AUGUST 11.
FROWICK

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